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NEBRASKA RECOGNIZES 4-H CLUB WORK

A radio talk by Orville Turner, Webster County, Nebraska, delivered through a network of 51 radio stations associated with the National Broadcasting Company, Saturday, October 3, 1931.

Our state of Nebraska thru its legislature and state fair has honored the boys and girls 4-H clubs of the state by building the finest state fair 4-H club building in the world on the Nebraska fair grounds. We made use of this building during the 1931 state fair ~~the first part of September.~~

George E. Farrell of the extension service in the United States Department of Agriculture dedicated the building Sunday afternoon, September 6 "to the faith that we have in Nebraska boys and girls." Other speakers, including the governor of Nebraska and the chancellor of the University, emphasized the same faith in their remarks on the same program.

We made use of the new 4-H club building this year. We can probably crowd a few more exhibits into it in the future but no one noticed any empty space this year.

Since the first exhibits were made at the fair more than 10 years ago the state fair board and those in charge of the extension service have always insisted that 4-H club exhibits should be centrally located on the fair grounds. Other states have boys and girls exhibits and placed them along with the adult exhibits scattered over the grounds. The central idea has worked out exceptionally well in Nebraska and is one of the reasons why the boys and girls in my state were able to get the new 4-H club building.

This building which I am telling you about is 120 feet wide and 340 feet long. The long way runs east and west and the new building attaches on to the old building which runs north and south to form the letter L. The old building, by the way, was a huge structure in itself, being 120 feet wide by over 450 feet long.

The new building is constructed of concrete and brick and fits in with the modern architecture on the state fair grounds. There is no main entrance, unless you would call the east and west entrances at the ends of the building the main entrances. Above each of the six doors, however, is a 4-H club emblem and a pair of flag staffs.

George Jackson, the secretary of our Nebraska state fair, is proud of the fact that there is not a dark corner or an insanitary spot in the entire building.

The arena is located on the first floor. There are enough comfortable seats for 2,000 people around this arena. It is possible to crowd a few hundred more people into the space aside from the seats. The dairy and beef cattle showing was held in this arena, as was the auction sale of baby beeves the last day of the fair.

The space underneath the arena seats is devoted to stalls where the prize winning baby beeves are tied after the judging is completed. In the west end of the first floor are stalls for all of the dairy calves and part of the baby beeves. The offices of the men in charge of the baby beeves and dairy calves are also located on the ground floor.

Steps from the arena lead directly to the second floor of our building where the home economics exhibits are displayed. Also on this floor are the office of the superintendent of the class R, the press bureau, and the check rooms.

This year for the first time the 4-H girls could have their displays under glass in cases extending almost the entire length of the second floor. Two large double demonstration booths for the home economics demonstrations are arranged at either side of the exhibit cases. These booths are glass enclosed. The stage in each booth is divided by a curtain so one team may prepare for their demonstration while another team is actually demonstrating. Iceless refrigerators and electric stoves make up part of the equipment of these booths.

For the first time in the history of a Nebraska club building we have shower bath equipment. The boys sure made use of them this year too, as the weather was very hot all during fair.

The women's project club booths occupy the north west corner of the second floor. We have a large electric cooler on this floor in which is displayed various cuts of meat. This cooler is permanently located here and will be used each year.

I want to make especial mention of the interior decoration of our new building. The large pillars which extend to the beams are painted a soft rose with trimmings of green and silver. Each pillar is decorated near the top with a stencil design in which the 4-H is skillfully blended with the rest of the design. A number of colors are used in the stencil, with the color of the "H's" predominating. The border for the front of the office and press bureau is also the 4-H stencil.

The entire building is well lighted from the skylights and the windows which extend completely around the building. In addition to a ventilating system, we also have four large heaters in the east portion of the building in which the arena is located. This will make it possible for the arena to be used in the winter time for such gatherings as may be held there.

We are proud of our new building, and will do our best to bring in exhibits to show we appreciate the efforts of all people who were instrumental in securing this fine building for us.